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1. PER REFTTEL, REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS FOLLOWING
PERSONAL MESSAGE TO DR. ED SNIDER OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC:

2. QUOTE AS YOU ARE NOT DOUBT AWARE, DEATHS OF TWO
MOUNTAIN GORILLAS IN JULY HAVE SPARKED WIDESPREAD CONCERN
FOR PRESERVATION OF THIS SPECIES. THERE APPEARS TO BE
GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT THIS CONCERN WILL BE TRANSLATED
INTO ACTION AMONG CONSERVATION GROUPS TAKING PART IN IUCN
CONFERENCE AT ASHKHABAT BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25. RWANDAN
GOVERNMENT REP WILL PRESETN APPEAL FOR COORDINATED INTER-
NATIONAL SUPPORT IN UPGRADING PARC DES VOLCANS AT THAT
MEETING, AND CHANCES APPEAR GOOD FOR FAVORABLE RESPONSE
FROM INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION COMMUNITY.

3. OBVIOUSLY, DR. DIAN FOSSEY HAS DONE MUCH TO STIMULATE
INTERNATIONAL CONCERN, AND HER OWN IDEAS HAVE CONTRIBUTED
HEAVILY TO RWANDAN GOVERNMENT PROJECT PROPOSAL. I
BELIEVE SHE COULD MAKE A FURTHER IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION
IF SHE WERE ABLE TO ATTEND ASHKHABAT CONFERENCE PERSONALLY.
DR. FOSSEY HAS SAID SHE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT
ATTEND IF HER TICKET WERE PAID FROM FUNDS WHICH MIGHT
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OTHERWISE GO DIRECTLY TO GORILLA PRESERVATION. DO YOU
HAVE ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS RE ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF
FINANCING HER TRAVEL? SINCERELY, T. FRANK CRIGLER.
END QUOTE.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT TRANSMIT ANY SUBSTANTIVE REPLY
FROM DR. SNIDER.

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